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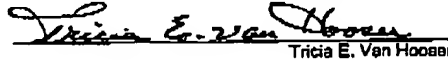
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This Amendment and Response is filed in response to a final Office Action having a mailing date of April 7, 2005. Applicants note that this paper is being filed within the **2 month deadline for Advisory Action**, which falls on June 7, 2005. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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